THE SPRING CAMPAIGN TO BE FULL OF POLITICAL INTEREST

Fight for Various Offices Under the City Government Opening in Earnest-Some of Opposing Candidates—Chances of Old Officials.

The approaching Spring campaign is already assuming a business-like air, and the political arena is filling up with some very good aspirants for the offices under the city government.

Each ward has a band of political favorites in the field for both branches of the City Council, while numerous candidates will oppose the incumbents of the offices in the City Hall.

At present there is no one in the race to oppose Mayor Richard M. Taylor, and it is at present hard to tell whether any one else will run.

No little interest is centered in the contest for the position of City Auditor, as there are several very good men out for the place. Mr. E. J. Warren, the incumbent, will, of course, stand for re-election, and at present his chances seem very good. Among some of the others that are in the field for the position is Mr. E. A. Barber.

There seems reason to believe that Captain Frank W. Cunningham will be re-elected, as there is no one as yet in the race to oppose him. He thinks his chances are excellent.

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Mr. Charles H. Phillips, the popular City Treasurer, has no opposition, and his election seems as certain to come to pass as if it had already done so. He is a good political worker and a well known and popular man.

A lively fight will result in the contest for the offices of clerk of the city courts. Mr. Charles O. Savilie will be opposed by Mr. C. W. Goddin for the position of clerk of the Chancery Court. No one is out to oppose Mr. P. P. Winston, clerk of the Law and Equity Court, while there is opposition to Mr. A. Rowelle, of the Circuit Court, and Mr. Walter Christian, of the Hustings Court.

Court.

Mr. James C. Smith has avowed his intention of running against Mr. H.

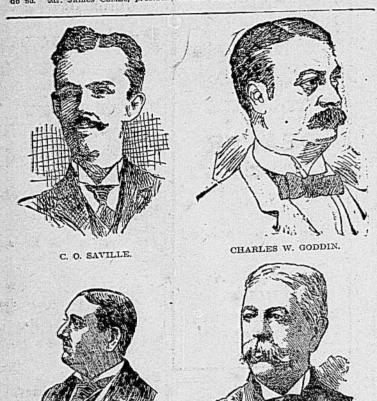
Claiborne Epps for the place of City Sergeant. Mr. Epps will put up a hard
fight and may win.

MAY RE-ELECT THEM.

Practically the same men will be chosen for Justices of the Peace and the

minor positions.

It is understood that three or four of the old members of the Common Council will withdraw, but they have not as yet fully made up their minds to do so. Mr. James Caskie, president of the body, who had announced that he



would not again be a candidate, has reconsidered the matter after a great deal of persuasion on the part of his numerous friends and constituents to allow his hame to go on the ticket.

The present incumbents of the Council are: Messis. W. H. Curtis, A.-B. Fergusson, F. H. Garber, John R. Grimes and W. T. Woody, of Marshall Ward: Followers, Morgan R. Mills, Phil. Shea and T. B. Williams, of Jefferson Ward; F. C. Ebel, T. A. Hairelson, Julius A. Hobson, Joseph Wallerstein and John T. West, of Madison Ward; James Caskie, William C. Camp, Marx Gunst, R. L. Peters and C. W. Tanner, of Monroe Ward; J. N. Blanks, Samuel H. Cottrell, William Glison, Jr., E. W. Miner and Charles R. Winston, of Clay Ward; Henry J. Hecke, D. F. McCarthy, Gilbert K. Pollock, John Teefey and M. F. Whalen, of Jackson Ward.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD.

Several new members will come to the Foard of Aldermen after the election and the Council Committees will undergo some changes. It is possible, however, that many of the old Board will be sent back. The incumbents are: Messirs, Joseph S. Montgomery, J. H. Lawder and Noble T. Mosby, of Mar-Messirs, Joseph S. Montgomery, J. H. Lawder and Noble T. Mosby, of Mar-Messirs, Joseph S. Montgomery, J. H. Lawder and John M. King, of Jefferson shall Ward; W. M. Turpin, C. W. Hardwicke and John M. King, of Jefferson Snead, M. Fill Seay and Robert Whittet, Jr., of Clay Ward; James Bahen, James Snead, M. Fill Seay and Robert Whittet, Jr., of Clay Ward; James Bahen, James The spring election takes place in May, while it is thought that the primary with bê held the first week of April.

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So far as is known there is no opponent of Hon. H. R. Pollard as yet out for the position of City Attorney.

Mr. Albert O. Boshen has announced himself as a candidate for the position of Chairman of the City Central Democrats: Committee, in opposition to Mr. Jefferson Wallace, the Incumbent.

Numerous rumors are prevalent as to the candidacy of several prominent gentlemen for positions in the offices of the City (Hall, but when seen last night the gentlemen would neither deny nor assert the truth of such statements.

Aircady the following new candiates are in the field for the Common Council from the various wards:

from the various wards: Madison Ward-George B. Bull, Patrick J. Rafter, Harry C. Glenn and Robert

T. Briggs. Mouroe Ward-A. J. Vaughan, Jr., James McKinney and James Gordon.

Clay Ward—John J. King.

The following new candidates are out for the Board of Aldermen:
Markhall Ward—Charles L. Brown and John Mann.
Jefferson Ward—Jack Wood.
Madison Ward—E. B. Thomason.

H. CLAIBORNE EPPS.

WOMAN DEFENDS MR. MANSFIELD

Richmond Member of His Company Says He's All Right.

HE IS KIND TO HIS PEOPLE.

Pays Them Full Wages When They are Sick, and is Only Careful to Instruct Them-Stories of His Harsh Temper are Overdrawn,

The Mansfield engagement in the city was the one bright evening of the week. Bociety shed her sombre raiment for the nonce and sallied forth in her old guise

Wedged expects to make the theatrical the stage, he notices in a moment if responsible to the stage in the st

ahead. She has already been engaged by Frohman for next season and con-siders this an excellent opportunity. SAYS HE IS KIND.

J. C. SMITH.

Mrs. Woodruff is a very ardent admirer of Mr. Mansfield, and contradicts many of the stories current about his harshness and violent temper. Mr. Mansfield is a German by binth, and his real name is Rudelsdolf.

In speaking of the great actor, Mrs. Woodruff said:

"It provides me dreadfully to the

'It provokes me dreadfully to hear ev-

"It provokes me dreaduly to near every one speak so adversely of Mr. Mansfield. I assure you the reports are untrue. Never was a man more considerate or more kind to his company than he. If any of his people be sick, no matter ether he be a good actor or a call whether he be a good actor of a can boy, he receives his wages in full—a rule not observed in many companies. When we were in Chicago for three weeks, one of the theatres was so unclean that Mr. Mansfield, at his own expense and Mr. Mansfield, at this own expense and under his own supervision, had crash stretched on the floors of our dressing rooms, electric lights put in and everything fixed for our comfort.

"Oh, yes, he gets cross sometimes.

You must remember he is stage manager

was the one bright evening of the week 500 lety shed her sombre raiment for the monce and sailled forth in her old guise is welcome Mr. Mansfield.

He is thought by not a few reputable critics to be the greatest actor now living; and when his versattliky is considered, certainly there are few, if any, who equal him.

One of the members of Mr. Mansfield's company is a Richmond woman—Mrs. company is a Richmond woman—Mrs. Crank Woodruff. She was Miss Mollie Pringer. Mrs. Woodruff went to New York last season and joined George Lederer's company. She soon tired of this however, and applied and was accoupted by the Mansfield company. Mrs. Woodruff expects to make the theatrical procession her life fork. She is fired with procession her life fork. She is fired with

'Off the stage.' Even in his most im-passioned scenes, he will notice any de-ficiency, to which he will call attention ficiency, to which he will call attention immediately after you leave the stage. We all call him 'Father,' and I can tell you we would rather have lines with any one than with him, for 'Father' is so particular. For instance, in my part, as the soubrette, I have very few lines, but fifty girls were tried before I was, and falled dismally. When I repeated them he said: What is the matter with your volce? Are you nervous?

"Yes,' I said.

"Well, why are you? I shan't bite you."

THEY ALL LIKE HIM. THEY ALL LIKE HIM.

"Mr. Mansfield has the strongest personality and magnetic charm. Every one of us are fond of him." The company, realizes that when he is harsh it is for their ultimate good, and every one is fond of him. When this suit came up with Catherine Gray everybody, from the call-bay up, signed resolutions of regards.

gards.
"His company is the most ambitious on the road. If an actor has one line to say, he will ask as he comes off, 'Was my voice all right to-night?' To those in the avidence of the company of the say of the company of the say of my voice all right to-night: of course, but you can't imagine how hard it is to keep one line from becoming me-

"Oh, no, it is not difficult to send your voice over the foot-lights. Mr. Mansfield insists on a clear pronunciation of the 'w,' and on rolling the 'r,' that makes the voice distinct.

"You just can't say too much of Mr. Mansfield, and, if he has his faults, just put it to the eccentricity of genius."

SOUTHERN NEEDLE WORK.

Mrs. Roger A. Pryor Much Interested in Its Sale,

NEW YORK, March 10 .- Special .- The Southern Exposition, which was announced for March 15th in New York city, has been abandoned because of the difficulty in obtaining the money needed to make it

successful.

The Woman's Department, however, has decided to hold together as an organization, and endeavor to promote the industries of Southern women and find a market for their work. Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, the president, has been very active all winter, not only in acquainting herself with the respective skill of the Southern needlewomen, but in selling the larges and embroideries they have enlaces and embroideries they have en-trusted to her. She has held one drawtrusted to her. She has held one drawing-room sale in her own house, and another is announced for March 22d. Mrs.
Pryor, in the hundreds of letters she
has written to the South, has warmly expressed her admiration for the needlework, and her determination to find a
market for it in New York. To this great
market the women of Russia, Germany,
France, Italy, Switzerland and Ireland
send their laces and embroideries. Very send their laces and embroideries. Very few are sent from the South, while Mrs Pryor, who has carefully instructed herself, declares the Southern work to be fully the equal of all others.

MARINE BOAT PLUNGER.

Will Arrive at the Richmond Dock To-Murrow.

A telegram was received yesterday from Baltimore, stating that the marine boat Plunger would leave there this morning

for Richmond, arriving here some time Monday.

The William R. Trigg Company will begin work on the boat as soon as it arrives.

The Plunger is a wonder, and many people will, no doubt, be at the dock to see her when she comes in. She will remain here for some time.

Mr. John H. Frischkorn, when seen yesterday, said that he had no intention of resigning his position on the Board of Fire Commissioners, at least at this time. He has recently sold out his restaurant business, and 's now devoting his time to private business, which will in no wise conflict with the place he holds on the Board. At present he is acting as clerk for

At present he is acting as cierk to his son, 'H. B. Frischkorn, but he has no proprietary interest in the concern, and will not have, so long as he is a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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A fine piano is a joy and pleasure; a bad one a nuisance. Therefore, don't make a mistake, and to prevent doing so come to the house who carries a large stock of pianos of national reputation for merit-Steinway, Knabe, Hardman, Standard, and Kimball. These you know-no risk, no danger of mistake. Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 East Main Street.

EASTER MONDAY EXCURSION.

ington Easter Monday for benefit of Summer Rest via Richmond, Fredericks-burg and Potomac Raliroad, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Barksdale and Mrs. Anna F. Rahm. The train will and Mrs. Alma F. Rahm. The dain will leave Bread and Hancock Streets at 7 A. M.; returning, will leave Washington at 6 P. M. next day.

Tickets, \$2.50—good on excursion train only.

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NO REASON FOR IT

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ANOTHER REASON. If you have a Hardman Plano then you are fixed for a lifetime, as they never seem to wear out. Walter D. Moses & Co., Sole Agents.

"Anheuser-Busch Buck Beer," in its usual fine quality, is now in the market, and for sale at all first-class saloons.

ONE REASON FOR BUYING THEM

Fourth and Broad Sts.

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Everyone should take advantage of our liberal credit system to beautify their homes. Last week's ment of Baby-Carriages and Go-Carts makes our stock one of the most complete ever shown. We have what you want, both in quality and price. Go-Carts, plain and reclining-all of them up to date, giving perfect comfort to the little ones. Springtime is coming, and to insure perfectly healthy babies you must take them in the bracing air and let them enjoy the sunshine

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We pride ourselves upon this stock. All the latest novelties, and at prices that will open your eyes to true value. Refrigerators deserve a little attention at this time. We are better prepared than ever to show you what is best and newest in this article. Five different styles to select from. Ice-Chests, all sizes:

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Fourth and Broad Streets.

MANY MISSIONS IN PHILIPPINES

Every Religious Body in America Represented There.

CONFERENCE AT NEW YORK.

Will Represent the Whole Christian World and Will be Held in April. Baptists Are to Undertake Work in Iliolo.

Long before the guns were silent on the firing line in the island of Luzon, all of the principal religious bodies in Ameof the principal temperature of the Philippines. Christian expansion let no grass grow on the road that was lately made by American political expansion. There was haste, but, to the credit of the Christian control of the tianity of to-day, it needs to be recorded that there was not unseemly haste. President Schurmann, of the Phillippine Commission, wonders whether there might not be presented to the Filipines one and not many forms of reformed Christianity. It may not be possible to attain this ideal, but among the religious bodies from America, which have begun work in the Philippines, there comes nearer to being an amicable understanding than it was ever possible to bring about before. tianity of to-day, it needs to be recorded about before.

CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS.

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There is to be held in New York, at the end of the coming April a conference on missions. It is an ecumenical one, in that it represents the whole Christian world. It is coming together to see how President Schurmann's suggestion may be carried out. It does not come solely for that, of course, but it is certain to push on the progress in that direction that is unmistakably making. It is not yet out estitled what religious It is not yet quite settled what religious body, as such, first began services in Manila—barring, of course, the one that has been thero for three or four hundred years. Methodists and Episcopalians began at almost the same time. One was helped by the fact that Bishop Thoburn, the Methodist missionary bishop of India, helped by the fact that Bishop-Infobure, the Methodist missionary bishop of India, was near by and could reach Manila without much delay, and the other by the fact that an active chaplain, an Episcopalian, took up the service of the Book of Common Prayer, not as a chaplain, but as a member of the American Episcopal Church.

Church.

The very first representatives of American Protestant churches to reach the Philippines were Young Men's Christian Association secretaries, who went from San Francisco on the first transport to carry troops thather. They took with them tents and Bibles, literature and singing books, and they are still there, prosecuting a successful work. They prosecuting a successful work. They have been joined by ten additional men, and in the lack of chaplains they are performing service for regiments which the government ought itself to provide. One of the landmarks of Manila has come One of the landmarks of Manila has come to be the association tent near the Bridge of Spain. Crowded beyond its capacity, the government loaned a building nearer to the Quartel del Fortin. Now a property has been purchased, and is being converted into an association building of the usual pattern. The price paid for the property was \$5,000. The association holds services at Cavite and upon the men-of-war anchored there. var anchored there.

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SERVICE IN THEATRE.

Methodists began to hold a service in the Filipino theatre, and another in the Ermita district of Manila. Now they have organized two churches. Both are mainly for Filipinos, and both have services and sermons in Spanish. There is a school for girls, and Bishop Thoburn, to whom the care of the work has been committed, hopes to have a school for boys in due time, besides a medical dispensary. Two missionaries, supported by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, are on the ground.

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On Decoration day last the Mission of the Holy Trinity was started in Manila, although Episcopal services had been held in the city since the beginning of that year. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew took the lead in this effort. Holy Trinity Mission has now two clergymen and one layman, and attached to it is another layman, who has had a tent and done work similar to that of the Young Men's Christian Association. The mission has a typical eastern building of the Spanish type, and is located in the midst of barracks. The lower part is fitted up as a chapel, the upper part as library and writing and meeting rooms. Many officers of the army and navy attend services here.

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rices here.

Presbyterians have four missions in Marila and are to establish a fifth. They helped the Young Men's Christian Association by providing preachers for its tent services. In the middle of February authority was sent to organize formally and legally one of the Presbyterian missions into the First Presbyterian Church of Manila, and steps were taken to start work in Iloilo. Some native Filiphnos have been baptized by Presbyterian missionaries, and among them as a little child, who is as yet the only infant Filiphno that has been baptized in the islands in the Protestant faith.

Baptists are to undentake work in Iloilo, but have not yet done so. Disciples of Christ have opened a mission in Manila, and have started a school. Congregationalists will not go there, but are

Manila, and have started a school. Congregationalists will not go there, but are to confine their efforts to Guam and other Pacific Islands, their purpose being to line the route from Honolulu to Manila with Christian mission stations.

Before this work was started by these different American religious bodies, conferences were held by those in authority,

and in the Philippine work an honest effort is making toward real comity. It is easy to criticise, but credit ought to be given for an honest and progressive intent. Comity in mission work will be discussed at the coumenical conference, altready referred to. As everybody in charge of missions will be present to hear, there were before. charge of missions will be present to near, a larger number than ever before, it will, indeed, be strange if some definite step does not result. Christians of all bodies, their leaders, at any rate, say they want no wastes of mission funds, and they have proved their professions by their works thus far in our new far East political territory.

EDGAR ALLAN POE.

Subject of Professor Trent's Lecture at the Academy To-Morrow Night. Professor William P. Trent will lecture

before the Richmond Lyceum to-morrow before the Richmond Lyceum to-morrow night on "Edgar Allan Poc." Professor Trent is a native of this city, and was educated here and at the University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins University. He is at present a professor at the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn. but has recently been elected to a professorship in Columbia University. New York, the same university at which Professor Thomas R. Price, another distinguished citizen of this city, is protinguished citizen of this city, is pro-

He is a man of whom not only Rich-mond can be proud, but Virginia, and the whole nation.

Hon. S. S. P. Patteson will introduce Professor Trent.

25c White Japanese Matting, 41-2c

Damaged just enough to force a quick-pace selling price.
While you will get the same
service you would get from the perfect, except the knowledge that it is not.

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Linen Window-Shades, all colors, with fixtures, ready to put 22C up.

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90c. and \$1 Brussels Carpets, all this season's patterns, for rooms and halls; colors, Blues, Greens, Reds and 65C Olives.

95c. Brussels Carpets, two to 35C three rolls of a pattern.

150 Hartford and Smith Axminster Carpets, with or without 90C 30x00-linch Smyrna Russ, \$1.09 fringed ends.

300 30x65 Scotch Wilton \$1.69 Russ.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 65c.

Not a pair in our entire lot you would not have grace your window. We have some unusual bargains in finer goods, but we are now talking about Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, regular width, 5 different styles to select from, all fresh, new stock, 65c a pair.

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Nottingham Lace Curtains, heavy net, 10 different styles, Renaissance and Arabian effects, 3½ yards \$1.50 long, per pair.

White Muslin Curtains, hemstitched and ruffled edge, 2 inches wide, lace insertion, three yards \$1.75 Fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, 6 different styles, Irish point and Brussels effects, 3½ yards loag, \$3.25 Real Hand-Made Irish and Renaissance Curtains, wide floral designs, plain and figured centres, 3½ yards long, extra width, \$12.50 \$9.98 value, for.

Scotch Net Lace Curtains, Renaissance and Point de Arabe designs, regular price, \$5; now, per \$3.99 l9c imbroidered Curtain Muslin, 12 l-2c. White Curtain Muslin, 45 inches

White Curtain Muslin, 45 inches wide, colored embroidered dots. 12½C Silkoline, 5c.

Silkoline Draperies, Oriental and Persian effects, all colors, per SC \$2.50 Marseilles Spreads, \$1.75.

White Marseilles Spreads, extra ize, heavy embossed patterns, hem-hed, ready for use, \$2.50 \$1.75 quality. Heavy White Spreads, 49c. Heavy Crochet White Spreads, ull bed size, ready hemmed, 490

The Newer Store

CHING LING FOO TELLS HIS STORY

He is a Politican in His Native Country

There is a Distinction Between the Pekin and Hong Kong Chinese.

AND KEEPS A BIG SHOE STORE.

Used to Entertain for Charitable Purposes-He Has Two Wives. Ching Ling Foo is a Chinaman of high caste. In his own city of Pekin he is

mandarin, which position is equivalent that of member of City Council in this He is, also, engaged in the mercantile business, and conducts a large shoe store

in Pekin. in Pekin.

In his native city he is considered a good fellow, and is very popular. He has a natural talent for the art of conjuring, and was in the habit of perform-

ing his tricks for charitable purposes. ing his tricks for charitable purposes. Some months ago the general agent of the Omaha Exposition, in his search for novelties, went to Pekin and there glscovered Ching Ling Foo, and brought him to America for a season of six months, at the sum of \$600 for the entire period. He performed daily at the exposition, and nothing special was thought of his performance. He then



(With his signature alongside.)

went to Chicago, and had difficulty in securing dates at the theatres 2t \$25 a week.
Finally, Mr. E. F. Albee, general agent of the B. F. Keith Circuit, took an in-terest in Ching, and extensively adver-tised him, and placed his salary at \$1,000

A pleasant Party.

He performed throughout the Keith Circuit, and then went to several other cities. He was booked for Toronto, Canada, last week, but, because of the Chinese laws of this country, he learned that he could not return to the United States, he could not return to the United States, he could not return to the United States, he could not return to the United States.

he could not return to the United States, so he cancelled the date, and was engaged by Manager Wells to appear here.

NOT FLUENT.

Ching is not a fluent conversational-list in English. He is acquainted with but few words, and stutters at that.

When I saw him last night, he was very cordial, and insisted that the visitor eat some nuts that he brought over from the Celestial Empire. He offered me a sent, some nuts that he brought over from a scat, consider the offered me a scat, smiled, and then, in choice Chinese, asked what he could do.

My mission was stated, and, as well as he could, Ching proceeded to tell his story, the substance of which is:

story, the substance of which is:

"There are two classes of Chinese. One of them, the upper class, is centralized at Pckin; the other at Hongkong. The Hongkong Chinese are of the coolle caste, while those at Pckin are Tartaric. The coolles are forbidden to shave the back of their heads, and cannot wear the same style or texture of clothing as those at

of their heads, and cannot wear the same style or texture of clothing as those at Pekin or Shanghal. "The high-caste Chinaman eats with knife and fork, while the Hongkong Chi-naman uses chopsticks. No self-respect-ing Chinaman will eat beef—that is our sacred meat. sacred meat.

"The coolle is looked upon as an inpeople in this country.

*HOLDS AN OFFICE.

"I am a mandarin, and am entitled to have two wives. Under the laws of my country, I must return in May. I cannot remain away longer than that time. But I intend to return to this country again. We cannot tell the names of our wives, and they are known only by our last name—it is one of the sacred laws of the land.

land.
"There is a custom in our country thate requires all female infants to have their feet compressed by being tightly bandaged to prevent growth. Mrs. Foo's feet are four and a half inches in length. That custom is not strictly observed now, however. My little girl. Chee Twy, has not been treated in that fashion. She is just five years old, but her feet are larger than her mother's, being five and a quarter inches in length.

larger than her mother's, being five and a quarter inches in length.

"I have in China another wife, with three children, whom I will probably bring with me on my next trip."

Harry Wong Foo, the expert juggler, who is with Ching, was associated with him in his business in Pekin, but slace this association in the entertainment business a rivalry has sprung up, from the fact that Harry Wong Foo's part of the performance receives as much applause as does that of Ching Ling Foo.

Ching is eccentric, and the sever gives two performances exactly alike. He considers himself insulted when any one offers him a present, and will feel just as such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such insulted if a present that he was a such a such insulted if a present that he was a such a s

offer is declined. He likes applause, and is never happier than when his efforts are ching Ling Foo counted ten in Chinese before I retired, and it is here given for the benefit of the public:

Ee, er, san, sou, woo, leo, che, bar, guo, she.

guo, she.

"Hongkong Chnaman come here; give
China bad name," he said as he finished
his conversation.

IN FAVOR OF J. M. TAYLOR.

Suit Brought Against the City in the Law and Equity Court

Yesterday was a very quiet day in the courts of the City Hall, only one case be-ing tried. In the Law and Equity Court Judge

Minor decided the case of J. M. Taylor vs. Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, in which he held that the assessment made on old men in February, 1898, was an unreasonable one, and amounted to a breach of the contract of insurance, for which the company was liable. He gave the plaintiff, Mr. Taylor a judgment for \$2.655, on a policy for lor, a judgment for \$2,665, on a policy for

This decision is one of great interest and importance to thousands of people. The company is being sued all over the United States, on account of this assess-ment of February, 1898, but in most, if not all, of the other States the company has been successful.

Mr. William L. Royall, of this city, represented Mr. Taylor, and the company was represented by Major C. S. Stringfellow and Judge L. L. Lewis.

A suit was brought in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by Janie E. Anderson against the city of Richmond for \$10,000 damages. She claims that on November 23, 1899, she fell in a hole in an alley at the rear of No. 608 East Broad Street. She states that she received painful injuries and bruises about the body as a ground for the east.

Bankruptcy Proceedings.

the body as a ground for the suit.

The Miller China Company was yester-day adjudged involuntary bunkrupt, and the case was referred to Colonel W. F. Wickham for hearing on Wednesday.

Order was entered disbursing the funds of George W. Brooks, bankrupt, of Petersburg, The petition was fined in

In the matter of George E. Crawford & Co, bankrupts, by G. H. Winston, trustee, in the sum of \$50. In the matter of B. B. Rhodes, bank-

In the matter of B. B. Rhodes, bankrupt, by W. Samuel Goodwyn, receiver,
in the sum of \$250.

Orders of adjudication and reference
were entered in the following matters:
Christian Zimmer, J. E. Sparks and
Samuel Miller, bankrupts, and Wednesday, March 14th set, as the day for
hearings.

Orders of notice for discharge were entered in the matters of E. J. Bradley
and J. T. Jewitt, bankrupts.

Pleasant Party.

present were: Misses Rose Jones, Emma Chapple, Bessle Barnum, Gracle Blunt, Henrietta Blunt, Pansy Smith, Gracle Butler, Mimmle Butler, Mary Walton; the young men were: Messrs. J. Smith, T. Franklin, L. Points, C. Goode, R. Lee, John Crawford, W. Andrews, H. Kelly, B. Blunt, M. Brock, L. Riddell and others. 'A most delightful time

Physician Sick.

The well known, Henrico physician, Dr. J. E. Warriner, was to have sailed for Europe with Mr. James G. Tinsley and Europe with Mr. James G. Hissey and family and Mr. Rutherford Rose. On the eve of departure, however, his son Ernest was taken sick.

He waited from day to day, hoping his son's condition would improve, but now the doctor has been taken sick also, and his trip has been taken sick also, and

his trip has been indefinitely postponed. Leeds, England, his city ownership of slaughter houses and meat markets cost-

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